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of the

Medical Officer of Health

Frank W. Pare, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

for the Year 1944

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## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1944

To the Chairman & Members of  
the Church Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my annual report on the Health of the District, for the year 1944.

In accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health, many of the usual statistics have been omitted.

VITAL STATISTICS.Live Births:

	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
Legitimate	79	45	34
Illegitimate	3	2	1

Still Births:

Legitimate	3	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths:

	70	32	38
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## Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:-

Legitimate	1
Illegitimate	-

Deaths from Measles (All ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 yrs.)	0

The other certified causes of death were as follows:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Influenza	1
Cancer	14
Heart Disease	15
Other circulatory diseases	2
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	10
Bronchitis	6
Pneumonia	6
Other respiratory diseases	2
Digestive diseases	3
Nephritis	1
Suicide	1
Other violent causes	4
All other causes	4

Tuberculosis:

There was 1 death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis giving a death rate of 0.2 per 1,000.

There were no deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis

The notification of Tuberculosis is thoroughly efficient.

New Cases and Mortality during 1944

Age periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 -								
1 -		2						
5	1							
10								
15				1				
20	1							
25	1	1						
35	1				1			
45								
55								
65 and upwards								
TOTALS	4	3	-	1	1	-	-	-
	7		1		1		-	



Notifiable Diseases:

Number of cases of infectious disease (excluding tuberculosis) notified, and the number of cases removed to hospital during the year 1944.

	CASES NOTIFIED												
	Years											Total Cas- es	Removed to Hospital
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-		
Scarlet Fever			1	3		4	3	2	1			14	2
Chicken Pox				1	1							2	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2											2	
Erysipelas											1	1	
TOTALS	2		1	4	1	4	3	2	1		1	19	2

There were no deaths from any of the above diseases.

Nursing Arrangements:

There is one district Nurse available for the general district nursing, but there is no nurse available for infectious diseases. The Church District Nursing Association (Voluntary) provide the district nurse.

Ambulance Facilities:

Accrington & Oswaldtwistle ambulances are available for non-infectious cases, and accident cases. For infectious cases, an ambulance is arranged for as required. The Blackburn Union ambulance is always available for the conveyance of patients to Queen's Park Hospital.

Hospital Accommodation:

For smallpox - joint with Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council.

For other infectious diseases - arranged with Blackburn, Darwen and Burnley Corporations as required.

The agreement with Oswaldtwistle Council in regard to the Smallpox Hospital is an annual retaining fee of £5.5.0. per 1,000 population. Three beds being retained for Church. In addition to the retaining fee, the following maintenance charges are made:-

For one patient - £8.8.0.

For two patients - £6.6.0. per week per patient, and

For three or more patients £5.5.0. per week per patient

Diphtheria Immunisation:

	Age under 5 years	Aged 5 years and over but under 15	Total
Number of children who completed the full course of immunisation during 1944.	20	---	20
Approximate estimated number of children in the area	200	480	680
Percentage of child population shown, considered immunised at 31st December, 1944.	53%	71.9%	

Number of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of  
age, notified in 1944, was nil.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

FRANK W PARE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Medical Officer of Health.



# REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1944

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

The following is a brief report of the duties carried out during the year.

## Public Cleansing & Salvage:

This service was carried out successfully during the year. Two horse-drawn vehicles were used for the collection of household refuse and salvage, which collection is made once weekly.

A permit was obtained from the Ministry of War Transport to purchase a Karrier Bantam Refuse Collection vehicle. A vehicle was ordered to be delivered at some time during the early months of 1945.

Owing to the insufficiency of transport, it has been necessary to arrange for the salting of roads to be carried out by Accrington Cleansing Department. However, a salting and gritting machine has now been purchased, which will be attached to the Karrier Bantam vehicle. This will enable the Council to carry out its own salting and gritting in future.

Communal food bins are placed on the streets for the reception of kitchen waste, these bins being emptied bi-weekly by Accrington Corporation, who then cook the food before it is re-sold.

Disused petrol tins are used as receptacles for bones.

## WEIGHTS AND VALUES OF SALVAGE SOLD DURING THE YEAR

Material	Tons	Cwt.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	27	11	162	2	1
Kitchen Waste	68	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	68	2	9
Manure	8	4	9	8	8
Textiles		9 $\frac{1}{4}$	6	18	9
Bones	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	1	4
Rubber	1	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	4	4	4
Ferrous Metals	1	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	0	6
Total	108	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	258	18	5

The number of movable ashbins in the district is 1846.

There are no ashpits in the district.

Drainage:

13 waste water closets were converted to the fresh water system.

120 choked waste water closets were cleansed by the Council workmen. This number could be reduced considerably if the householders would show a little more care.

Number of privy middens with closets attached	0
Number of waste water closets	1326
Number of fresh water closets	745

Disinfection and Disinfestation:

This work is carried out by the Council workmen.

The steam disinfecter is used, when necessary, this being borrowed from Oswaldtwistle. Two consignments of bedding or clothing were dealt with at the disinfecting station during the year, and 14 rooms were disinfected after infectious disease.

There were two houses infested with bed-bugs, but have been cleared successfully.

Housing:

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total	0
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	0

I - UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

Inspection.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 243
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.. ... 527
2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932. 0
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... .. 0
3. Number of house found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.. 0



4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..243

II - REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE  
OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .... 220

III - ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs 0
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:-
- (a) By Owners 0
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 4
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied:-
- (a) By Owners 4
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made 0
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders 0

D. Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the the tenement or room having been rendered fit. 0

Sanitary Improvements Effected during 1944:

Roofs repaired	15
Rainwater gutters provided or repaired	29
Windows provided with sash cords	26
Defective windows repaired or renewed	4
Defective Plaster repaired	28
Handrails provided to staircases	5
Doors and door-frames repaired	14
Dampness abated	1
Chimney stacks repaired or repointed	3
Defective dustbins renewed	35
Floors repaired or renewed	4
Walls repointed or repaired	1
New chimney pots fixed	6
New coalstores provided	1
New coalstore doors provided	2
Water closet structures rebuilt	1
Thresh boards fixed	1
Weather boards fixed to doors	1
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	3
Defective sinks replaced by glazed sinks	1
Insanitary wastepipes renewed	2
Chimney flues repaired	3
Fireranges repaired or renewed	5
Deposits of refuse removed	3
Tipplers repaired or renewed	7
Drains repaired	6
Windows made to open	1
Yards or paths repaved or repaired	2
Water services repaired	2
Choked drains cleansed	4
Nuisance from keeping animals abated	4
External walls rendered with water-proofed cement	1
<u>Factories:</u>	
Additional light provided to water closets	4
Sanitary conveniences cleansed	1
Water closet doors provided with fastenings	9
Water closets provided with doors	1
Entrances to sanitary conveniences effectively screened	2

During the year, 243 Preliminary Notices were served, the following defects being recorded:-

Dwelling-houses:

Defective eaves spoutings and fall pipes	61
Defective dustbins	49
Defective drains	5
Choked drains	4
Defective yard surfaces	2
Defective water closet basins	1
Defective water closet seats	2



Dwelling-houses contd:

Accumulation of refuse	6
Limewashing required	1
Defective tipplers	14
Absent or defective doors	23
Defective door-frames	3
Defective window cords	42
Damp or defective plaster	38
Rainwater pipes connected to drains	5
Broken traps to gullies	1
Defective roofs	32
Defective fireplaces	12
Defective wastepipes	6
Defective walls	13
Absent or defective doors catches	2
Absent air grates	2
Loose or absent handrails	13
Defective chimney stacks or pots	13
Defective lighting to closets	1
Nuisance from keeping animals	1
Defective water service pipes	2
Defective floors	12
Emission of smoke	2
Absence of ventilation	3
Defective treads to stairs	1
Defective windows and window frames	4
Absence of grates to gullies	1
Absence of thresh-boards	2
Defective valley gutters	1
Defective sinks	1
Absence of washing accommodation	2
Defective catches to windows	2

Factories:

Defective fastenings to water closet doors	11
Absence of natural or artificial light	3
Entrances to conveniences not marked	2
Absent or defective water closet doors	2
Defective seats	2
Absence of screens to urinals	2
Insanitary water closets	2
Defective urinal floors	1
Defective or dirty sanitary conveniences	7

Slaughter Houses:

There were no slaughter houses used in the district during the year.

Farms:

The four farms in the district have been inspected, special attention being given to the cowsheds and dairies, and these have been found to be in a fairly satisfactory condition.



### Milk Sampling:

During the year, 47 samples of milk were obtained and submitted to the Preston Royal Infirmary for analysis. The examinations asked for were:- Methylene Blue Reductase Test, presence of B. Tuberculosis, presence of B. Coli and Bacterial Counts. Milk bottles were also submitted for sterility tests.

The following is a summary of the reports:-

<u>Methylene Blue</u>		
No. taken	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory
24	19	5
<u>B. Coli</u>		
27	20	7
<u>B. Tuberculosis</u>		
18	17	1
<u>Bacterial Count</u>		
2	1	1
<u>Sterility Test</u>		
20	4	16

When unsatisfactory reports are received on samples taken from local farmers, the farmers concerned are visited and advice given. In the case of purveyors outside the district, a copy of the analyst's certificate is sent to the sanitary inspector concerned.

### Factories:

The factories have been inspected as to sanitary accommodation and any defects have been dealt with.

### Bakehouses:

All bakehouses were inspected during the year, and verbal notice had to be given where limewashing was overdue.

### Food Inspection:

During the year, the following food was condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

- 3 bags of Coffee Beans
- 7 lb. 10 oz. of Butter
- 13 tins of Pears
- 7 tins of Peaches
- 12 lb. of Prunes.

Offensive Trades:

Regular visits were paid to the tallow-melting works to see that no nuisance was being caused.

Water Supply:

Water is supplied by the Accrington & District Gas & Water Board and the Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. WOODCOCK

Sanitary Inspector.

